

USDA Expands Efforts To Develop Crop Insurance For Biofuels Producers

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA will soon seek proposals to study the feasibility of providing crop insurance to producers of biofuel feedstocks, including corn stover, straw and woody biomass. These feasibility studies, funded by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) will join research efforts already underway for energy cane, switchgrass and camelina.

“Providing additional risk management tools for American farmers to produce advanced biofuels crops is an important step toward devel-

oping a thriving biofuels industry and reducing our dependence on foreign oil,” said Vilsack.

Two contracts will be funded by USDA. Those interested in applying should refer to the solicitations which will be available on FedBizOpps at <https://www.fbo.gov/> or on RMA’s website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/opportunities> USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272(voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). Δ



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